

Commissioners approve reduced tax rate for 1996-97 fiscal year

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve a 46.471 cents per \$100 valuation tax rate for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

In setting the rate, commissioners accepted County Auditor Jackie Olson's recommendation.

The effective tax rate for the 1996-97 fiscal year (the rate by which the county can raise the same revenue as the previous year) is \$0.45118, but commissioners have adopted a tax rate which is 3 percent more than the effective tax rate.

By accepting Olson's recommendation, Commissioners lowered last year's tax rate of \$0.47495 per \$100 valuation by a little more than one cent (\$0.01024).

The county's new tax rate is broken down into four areas, including the general fund, \$41353; road and bridge fund, .01000; road and bridge special fund, \$02813; and debt service fund, .01305.

Monday's vote establishing a tax rate for the 1996-97 fiscal year means commissioners have completed their work for the summer budget season.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, the commissioners' court voted to accept an \$8.2 million budget for the 1996-97 fiscal

year, which also includes a \$40 a month raise for county employees, excluding part-time employees, elected officials and department heads.

The 1996-97 budget is based on an appraised value of \$1,282,450,881 less \$182,643,104 in exemptions, making the certified taxable value of Howard County \$1,099,807,777 plus \$1,300,182 in intangibles, for a total taxable value of a little more than \$1.1 billion.

By adopting the effective tax rate plus 3 percent, the county expects \$5,116,959 in taxes to be levied, less a 5 percent estimated delinquency of \$255,948 for an estimated collection of \$4,861,111.

The revenue estimates by depart-

ment include \$4,325,741 for the general fund; \$398,860 for the road and bridge fund; and \$136,510 for the debt service fund.

Olson said the county should have a \$3,275,000 carryover from the 1995-96 budget and expects to have a 1996-97 estimated ending balance of \$2,214,469.

Other action from Monday's meeting included a decision to proceed with the appraisal (arbitration) process against its insurance carrier Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and underwriter Travelers Insurance.

The county is seeking appraisal because of a dispute concerning the amount of the settlement TAC is will-

ing to pay the county as a result of hail damage to roofs on the courthouse, library and courthouse annex from the May 10 hailstorm.

TAC estimates damages to the three roofs, which were totaled in the storm, to be approximately \$155,000, about \$82,000 less than what the county received as its lowest bid to repair the three roofs.

Contracts have been signed and Corpus Christi-based Seyforth Roofing, one of the largest roofing companies in the country, is expected to begin work on the three roofs within a week to 10 days.



Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, moderates Monday's candidates forum between, from left to right, 17th Congressional challenger Rudy Izzard and Russell Middleton, representing Congressman Charles Stenholm; District 28 State Senate candidates Tim Lambert, Gary Watkins and Monte Hasie; and District 70 State Representative candidate Scott McLaughlin and James Beauchamp (not pictured) who represented incumbent State Rep. David Counts.

Candidates stress West Texas views in forum showcase

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More than 100 residents turned out for Monday night's candidates forum at St. Paul Lutheran Church, which featured five West Texas candidates seeking state or national offices.

True citizen representation, returning local control to school districts, less government and tighter spending controls were a few of the key issues discussed during the two-hour forum.

Participants included District 70 State Representative candidate Scott McLaughlin and James Beauchamp, representing State Rep. David Counts; District 28 State Senate candidates Tim Lambert, Gary Watkins and Monte Hasie; and 17th Congressional District challenger Rudy Izzard. James Beauchamp represented incumbent State Rep. David Counts, while Congressman Charles Stenholm was represented by Russell Middleton.

Questions asked of the candidates ranged from illegal immigration to more discipline and devotionals in public schools.

"We need meaningful dialogue like this between candidates,"

McLaughlin said. "I want more accountability in government because I'm concerned about the condition of our government. We can keep going towards a welfare state or we can return to Ronald Reagan's land of opportunity."

Responding to a question concerning welfare reform, Beauchamp said, "Until we wear the new welfare reforms for a while, we won't know how they're going to work."

"We're about to take a failed welfare system and change it," McLaughlin added. "When a single mother with two children can make \$9 an hour on welfare, that competes with you and me in private business and something it wrong with that."

Concerning illegal immigration and children of illegal immigrants receiving free public education, Lambert said, "I suggest two solutions. The federal government should secure our borders and we need to change the welfare magnet that draws illegal immigrants to the U.S."

"I'm not for denying children education or health services, but we (Texas) should get our share of Tax dollars and not

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Local 911 coordinator left in fix by county

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

In the interest of not wanting to set a bad precedent, Howard County commissioners voted 3-2 Monday against accepting 911 Communication District Director Kay Kennemur as a county employee.

Commissioners discussed accepting Kennemur as a county employee because it would allow her to remain on the insurance policy as an employee as well as participate in the retirement plan and not lose the money she's already put into the plan during previous service to the county.

"As it stands right now, I'm like a man without a state, no

insurance or benefits from the city or the county," Kennemur said.

She resigned earlier this year as County Judge Ben Lockhart's secretary to accept the 911 position. When she accepted, the new job, Kennemur had only 6 1/2 years service in as a county employee and 10 years service is required to be vested in the county's retirement plan.

The same problem did not arise with former 911 Director Carl Dorton because he was a former employee with the Big Spring Fire Department.

When Dorton accepted the 911 post he was a vested employee, so the city absorbed those costs. The city was then reimbursed by the 911 District, according to

City Manager Gary Fuqua.

When Kennemur was named the 911 director a few months ago, she was given the option of being a part of either the city's or the county's benefit plan.

According to Kennemur, when she found out she couldn't participate in the retirement plan unless she was a county employee, she decided to see if commissioners would designate her a county employee.

The 911 Communication District is considered a separate governmental entity with only Kennemur as a compensated full-time employee. The two dispatchers with the district are hired by and compensated by the city of Big Spring.

By accepting Kennemur as an

employee, Howard County would have been protected under what Kennemur called an indemnity clause in the event of a lawsuit against the 911 district. The 911 district also has an insurance policy that would have paid any legal fees incurred by the county in the event of a lawsuit against the district.

As with the city of Big Spring and former 911 Director Dorton, any benefits paid to Kennemur as an employee by Howard County would have been reimbursed by the 911 district.

"Basically the county would only be cutting my check," Kennemur explained to com-

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Court rescinds pharmacy bid, awards contract to Wal-Mart

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
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After hearing a presentation by representatives of Wal-Mart's pharmacy Monday, the Howard County Commissioners' Court rescinded its Sept. 9 decision to award a bid to Leonard's Pharmacy.

The court, despite early opposition by Commissioner Sonny Choate, rescinded the previous bid award and gave it to the Wal-Mart pharmacy on a six-month trial contract which includes a 30-day cancellation

clause. Wal-Mart's pharmacy is independently operated by pharmacist Paul E. Kennemur. It will begin servicing the Howard County Jail and the indigent health care program Oct. 1.

On Sept. 9 commissioners originally decided that Leonard's Pharmacy would again be servicing Howard County, despite it not turning in the lowest bid.

Wal-Mart had presented a lower bid to commissioners, but choosing Wal-Mart over Leonard's meant adding a trans-

portation fee into the budget when deputies traveled to Wal-Mart for prescriptions or medicines. Leonard's is right across the street from the courthouse.

Monday, Wal-Mart pharmacy representatives told commissioners that they do have a delivery service, although very new. Wal-Mart's pharmacy has not advertised having a delivery service because they have been testing it in areas such as the Canterbury Retirement Centers to see how well it would be received.

Wal-Mart's bid included a 15

percent discount to the county below the average wholesale price on brand name drugs and 30 percent below the average on generic drugs. Leonard's bid was 12 percent on brand name drugs and 25 percent on generic drugs.

If the county needs a \$100 prescription for an inmate, with the discounts, Leonard's cost would be \$90 for a brand name item compared to Wal-Mart's \$87. A \$100 prescription filled with a generic drug from

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HC trustees get good news on taxes, bad on enrollment

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College trustees received good news on the delinquent tax front during their monthly meeting Monday.

Local attorney Drew Mouton, who is responsible for delinquent tax collection for the junior college district, reported that since July, his office's collections already equal 31 percent of last year's total.

Mouton also reported that the number of people on the delinquent rolls is declining.

Trustees heard some discouraging news on enrollment. Those figures show a decrease of 66 students at Big Spring and 100 at the San Angelo campus.

Communications specialist Terri Newton said a possible reason for the decrease in San Angelo is relaxed enrollment standards at Angelo State University.

No hard-and-fast reason is evident for the decreased enrollment in Big Spring, but Newton said the district's enrollment is usually tied indirectly to state employment figures. With the current unemployment figures low, that means fewer persons will enroll in job-training classes.

"The count also doesn't reflect our continuing education enrollment," Newton said. Those figures should be available in the next few weeks, she added.

In other business, the board decided to grant a tax abatement to Fiber Composite, a new manufacturing company in Big Spring, and to upgrade the roofing at the coliseum and both dormitories.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

85 ▲ Highs **62**
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Today: Mostly cloudy with a high in the 80s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, low 60-65.

Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s or lower 80s and lows in the 50s.

Adjoining restaurants burglarized during 'average' weekend

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A pair of Northside restaurants suffered damage Monday in what police believe to be related incidents.

The Spanish Inn, 403 N.W. 11th St., and Alberto's No. 2, 300 N. Gregg St., were both burglarized early Monday morning, according to police reports.

No money or property was taken in the break-ins, but more than \$1,000 in damage was done to the two locations, reports stated.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Victor Brake said the department believes both incidents were committed by the same persons.

"Probably the same people (broke into both buildings)," Brake said. "That's the way we're going to be looking at it, because the buildings are right next to each other."

Brake added that even though no money or property is missing, police are treating the incidents as burglaries because "we can prove the intent to commit a theft."

The Spanish Inn suffered damage estimated at almost

\$1,500, while no dollar figure was placed on the Alberto's No. 2 break-in. In both cases, dead bolts on the buildings' exterior doors were damaged, as were filing cabinets inside both buildings.

Brake reported the police department recorded 41 arrests last week.

The breakdown of criminal activity over the weekend is as follows: two burglaries, three criminal mischief reports, a dozen thefts, two reports of failure to identify, six assaults; one report of unlawfully carrying a weapon; one unauthorized use

of a motor vehicle; one incident of driving with an invalid license, one criminal trespass warning and three incidents of driving while intoxicated.

In addition, five vehicular accidents were investigated.

Brake said it was an average week for the police department. "Actually, it was kind of a slow week, as a matter of fact," he said. "But as far as the crimes reported, we would consider that average."

In other activity, a Snyder man was released to Scurry

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OBITUARIES

Lynette McElhannon

A memorial service for Lynette McElhannon, 89, formerly of Big Spring, was held Sunday, Sept. 15, 1996, at the Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home, Dallas.

Mrs. McElhannon died Saturday, Sept. 7, in Smithfield, N.C.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1906, in Whitewright. She graduated from Buckner Orphans Home in 1924 and graduated with honors for Mary Hardin Baylor University in 1928. She married Dorth McElhannon in 1928 in Belton. Mrs. McElhannon taught school in Big Spring from 1934 to 1944 when she moved to Dallas.

Survivors include two daughters: Margaret Appling, Tyler, and Rena Carter, Smithfield, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home, Dallas.

David M. Ray

David M. (Mike) Ray, 59, Granbury, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 1996, in Arlington. Graveside service was 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, with Rev. Tom Simpson officiating.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1937, in Cedartown, Ga., and attended school there. He was an Air Force Veteran of 24 1/4 years.

He married Mary Norris on Aug. 18, 1956, in Big Spring. After his military retirement, he worked for Diamond Int. Lumber Co. and retired in 1993.

Mr. Ray was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and Air Force Sgts. Association. He was a Baptist. He lived in Sacramento, Calif. for 20 years and moved to Granbury in 1994. He was very active in Little League and Junior Bowling. He was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy D. Ray, sister, Louise Ray and two brothers, Billy Ray and Jimmy Ray.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ray, Granbury; his mother: Cornelia Ray, Cedartown; a daughter: Teresa Lynn Humphrey, Granbury; three sons: David Michael Ray Jr., Riverside, Calif., Richard Keith Ray and Timothy Bryan Ray, both of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters: Betty Ann Atkins, Dallas, and Shirley Ann Limer, Maumee, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren: Elizabeth Ray, Kristine Ray, Sharon Ray, Jennifer Ray, Daniel Humphrey, Bryan Humphrey, Taylor Ray, Tasha Ray, Griffen Ray, and Timothy Ray Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Arlington Cancer Center; 901 Randall Mill Rd.; Arlington; 76012.

Arrangements under the direction of Wilkerson-Hatch Funeral Home Chapel, Waco.

Paid obituary

Sarah Sheppard Gee

Sarah Sheppard Gee, born Dec. 17, 1916, in Merkel, Texas, died Sept. 22, 1996, in Houston, Texas. Since 1963, Mrs. Gee had been a loyal supporter and devoted volunteer for President George Bush and for 18 years was an employee of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

She was preceded in death by

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Forum

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leave them in Washington, D.C.," Watkins said.

"We can't paralyze children who show up at the door, but illegal parents should be sent back," Hasie said.

The issue of term limitations prompted a quick response from Izzard, who said, "I'm for limiting terms to 12 years for the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. The framers of our Constitution never envisioned legislators walking away with multi-million dollar pensions or increasing their salaries 100 percent."

Middleton said, "Congressman Stenholm believes elections every two years serve as term limits." Term limits, he said, only limit the number of candidates the voters can choose from.

Candidates also answered questions about creationism and evolution, teaching homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle, tax relief, parental consent for non-academic counseling, tougher juvenile laws and the differences between themselves and their opponents.

Beauchamp said Counts' performance as a legislator is a matter of record, a good record and he understands how to represent the people at home.

"The difference is that my opponent is a professional politician and constituents are tired of politics as usual," McLaughlin said.

Izzard said the people of the 17th Congressional District want problem solvers, not career politicians.

Middleton responded by saying Stenholm has earned another two-year term.

Bid

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Leonard's would cost the county \$77 and Wal-Mart's cost would be \$72. Both bids also included a \$2 dispensing fee.

Another reason the bid originally went to Leonard's is because Leonard's offers 24-hour a day service 365 days a year, as well as emergency service.

Wal-Mart representatives acknowledged that their pharmacy is closed on Sundays and does not offer 24-hour a day service, but told commissioners they would be willing to purchase a beeper; the pharmacist would be on call; and they would provide the county with home telephone numbers and cellular phone numbers in order to service the county's contract.

Commissioners were told that the Wal-Mart pharmacist would be available 95 percent of the time to provide after hours service if needed.

Because they is an occasional need for a pharmacist at any time of the day or night at the county jail, commissioners were also concerned about the availability of a pharmacist at odd hours.

Wal-Mart does not have a full-time second pharmacist. However, if the pharmacist does have an emergency and has to be out of touch for any length of time, a relief pharmacist will be brought in and his/her motel expenses covered.

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Crime

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County Sheriff's Office custody after the 118th District Attorney's Office dropped local forgery charges.

Gary Mark Rhodes, 30, was facing charges after he allegedly stole one of his parent's checks and tried to pass it at a local convenience store. That charge was dropped after the parents declined to prosecute.

Rhodes was released to the custody of Scurry County where he is facing theft charges.

IN BRIEF

RUTH EDMONSON IS RETIRING THIS YEAR as volunteer librarian with St. Mary's Episcopal School and the library will be dedicated in her honor during a ceremony Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Books dedicated in her honor will also be placed in the library by friends, current and past students. An ice cream social will follow afterward in the cafeteria.

Edmonson has volunteered at the school every Tuesday for the last 15 years. All friends are asked to join school officials in honoring her for all she has given to the school and community.

THE CORNERSTONE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP is having a car wash Saturday at Taco Villa. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and donations will be accepted. The money will be used to help fund several upcoming youth projects.

ON THE RUN

THE FAMILY COUNCIL WILL MEET 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This meeting is for all who have relatives in nursing homes. David Counts will also be present.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE is sponsoring a Harvest Festival of Fun Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be on the church grounds and there will be games for all ages, rides, clowns, booths, gifts and prizes for everyone.

Donations are requested to help fund this effort designed to brighten up the lives of children in Big Spring. Contact the church at 267-7015 for more information.

A WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED for Oct. 26 at the West Texas Center for the Arts. You must register by Oct. 12 with a \$15 deposit and the total fee to attend is \$35. Call Sherree Moates at 264-5195 or Kay Smith at 263-6466. It will be taught by JoBeth Gilliam and mail your deposit to her at: 4610 81st St.; Lubbock; 79424.

Supplies needed are: 140 lb. WC paper, paint and one painting to critique. Have your own drawing sketched for evaluation and suggestions include still life, floral or landscape.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1946 is having their 50th reunion Oct. 11-12.

Events will begin Friday, Oct. 11 with registration and refreshments at Howard College Tumbleweed Room. The class will participate with a float in the Homecoming Parade, followed by a Mexican buffet at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12 will include a sandwich buffet at the Tumbleweed Room, a tour of the Rannels Junior High, and a banquet at Howard College's Cactus Room with Bill Coleman as emcee.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling Ray (Nall) Coffee at 267-6524 or Stella (Tynes) Arnold at 263-2083.

Classmates who have not been located include Billie Bates, Harry Haug, Donald Simpson, Cedric Webb, Ruth Wilburn, Max Winn, Geraldine Bagley, Betty Lou Baird, Frank Hazelwood, Daryle Hohertz, Bobby Horn, Grady Kelly, Kemble Murray, Ann Blanenship Clark, Delores Sanderson Lewis, Earnest Pate and Alive Joyce Reeves.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 74.65 cents a pound, up 3 points; Nov. crude oil 23.50, up 13 points; Cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 55 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 71 cents even; Oct. live hog futures 56.90, down 27 points; Oct. live cattle futures 71.80, up 20 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Mesa Ltd. Prt	4 1/2 - 1/2
Mobil	118 1/2 + 1/2
Norwest	40 1/2 - 1/2
NUV	9 1/2 - 1/2
Pepsi Cola	29 1/2 - 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	42 1/2 + 1/2
Polaris	23 1/2 - 1/2
Rural/Metro	36 nc
Sears	45 1/2 - 1/2
Southwestern Bell	48 1/2 - 1/2
Sun	23 - 1/2
Texaco	94 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Instruments	55 + 3/4
Texas Utils. Co	40 nc
Unocal Corp	35 1/2 nc
Wal-Mart	27 - 1/2
Amcap	14.14 - 15.00
Euro Pacific	24.87 - 26.39
I.C.A.	23.51 - 24.94
New Economy	17.58 - 18.65
New Perspective	17.64 - 18.72
Van Kampen	14.22 - 14.93
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	382.20 - 382.70
Silver	4.85 - 4.88

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TODAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•St. Mary's Episcopal School will dedicate their library in honor of Mrs. Edmonson at 6:30 p.m. Following a short ceremony, outside the school library, books dedicated in Mrs.

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Edmonson's honor will be placed in the library by friends, current and past students. An ice cream social will follow immediately afterwards in the cafeteria.

WEDNESDAY
•Line dance lessons, 2 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1200 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents Monday:

•SONDRA DENISE WILLIAMS, 32, 2511 Langley Dr., was arrested on local warrants.

•THEFTS were reported on the 600 block of N.W. 11th St. and the 2100 block of Scurry Street.

•RODOLFO JIMENEZ, 30, 803 Anna St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•MARCUS CHAVERA, 41, 805 Anna St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES were reported on the 900 block of Willis Street and the 600 block of Ridgelea Road.

•JUAN GABRIEL MORAN, 22, no address given, was arrested on local warrants and charges of expired driver's license and expired motor vehicle registration.

•JOHNNY DUPREE, 27, 1311 Madison St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•MONICA RENAE POLK, 22, 2911 W. Hwy. 80 No. 23, was arrested on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

•TOMMY GENE CHRISTIAN, 28, HC 69 Box 162, was arrested on local warrants.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 300 block of N. Gregg St. and the 200 block of N.W. Third St.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents Monday:

•TAMMY LEVETTE LANG, 18, 506 1/2 Nolan St., was transferred from the police department after her arrest on a charge of failure to identify to a peace officer.

•GARY MARK RHODES, 30, Snyder, had Howard County forgery charges against him dropped by the 118th District Attorney's Office. He was transferred to the Scurry County Sheriff's Office to face theft charges.

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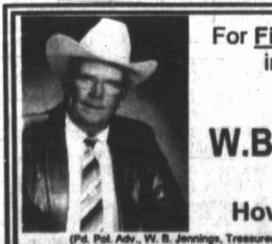
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Texas gets first center for deportation of convict immigrants

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Authorities hope the opening of the nation's first central processing center for immigrants convicted of crimes in a state will bring Texas tens of millions of dollars in federal funds and speed deportations.

Inmates built the \$1.2 million brick building next to the Goree prison unit. It will be home to the Texas Institutional Hearing Program, which will be staffed by a full-time immigration judge and 28 officers from the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The center's employees will help identify immigrants who in the past have tried to conceal

their country of origin while locked up in Texas prisons. The judge will ensure deportation immediately after the sentence is served.

"This effort will provide assurance to all of us that criminal aliens are not just taken off the streets but are also put out of the country," Chris Sale, INS deputy commissioner, said. "Aliens that are presented to us through this criminal justice system have in fact forfeited their right to be part of the American society by virtue of their criminal activity."

"They have violated the great generosity the immigration system and tradition of the United

States represents and, consequently, are no longer welcome in our country regardless of whether they entered legally or illegally."

Previously, federal authorities often had not resolved deportations until after convicts' sentences were served. That meant they had to take custody of the immigrants until the deportation cases were completed.

Also, immigration judges previously had to travel to each of the more than two dozen sites in Texas that housed convicts who are both legal and illegal immigrants. The Huntsville center will trim that to just one central spot with the inmates

ending up at the Goree unit before their deportations.

"Judges will spend less time on the road and more time in the courtroom," said Michael Creppy, chief immigration judge.

Sale estimated about 108,000 foreign-born people are locked up in the nation's prisons.

Officials said about 10,000 are imprisoned in Texas.

The identification of the inmates as immigrants is important to Texas prison officials because the federal government helps pay to imprison them under the federal Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

"Last year, our identification process yielded only \$16 million from the federal government," Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said. "We think this year because of the process now in place that our cut should be \$67 million."

"As well as saving us money it's going to make us some money," Ellen Halbert, vice chair of the Texas prison board, said. "That's why it's so important for us to identify them."

Under a cooperative effort, state and federal authorities will share and combine database files for easier identification of an ex-convict immigrant

if he returns to the U.S.

"Once we deport someone, we know we just can't assume that the case is closed," Mrs. Sale said. "So as aliens are removed through this ... process, their names will be added to a national criminal alien information system and to a deported felon file in INS databases."

"If they return and are stopped for anything as simple as a traffic violation, your local police department will have access to information that lets them know this person was previously deported and we will be able to charge them with a felony — re-entry after deportation," she added.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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DA candidate was indicted in oilfield theft

PAMPA — A candidate for district attorney in the November election was indicted in 1988 on a charge of oilfield theft alleging he tapped into a gas pipeline, court records show.

The indictment against Richard J. Roach, 47, who already serves as the Roberts County Attorney, was eventually dismissed three years later after he paid \$2,415 in a settlement court records describe as restitution.

Roach, who has never admitted guilt, told The Pampa News he will continue to pursue an expunction, or destruction of the record of the indictment, after the election. He began that process in August 1995.

The Texas criminal code allows someone to receive an expunction if a court finds an indictment was dismissed because of a finding that it was made because of a mistake, false information, or a similar reason.

"All I know is that the charges that were filed against me were done so in error. I have maintained my innocence throughout," Roach was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

Nearly 100,000 Texans licensed to carry concealed guns

AUSTIN — Nearly 100,000 Texans have been licensed to carry concealed handguns since the state's concealed carry law was approved last year, according to the Department of Public Safety's latest report.

As of Friday, 98,148 licenses had been mailed to Texans wanting to carry concealed handguns. Another 5,421 people were awaiting word on their applications and 772 had been denied licenses.

The DPS on Monday released its monthly report about 91,999 licenses and 578 denials issued as of Sept. 5. Information about permits issued and denied after Sept. 5 will be included in the agency's October report.

Sick child's father disputes newspaper account

DALLAS — The father of 10-year-old Rachel Stout has denied that he violated medical orders by feeding the girl, who has a severe intestinal disorder and has become the center of an international custody dispute.

Toronto doctors say Steve Stout was seen feeding Rachel "sandwiches and food behind a drawn curtain" in violation of doctors' orders that she be given no food by mouth, according to a Toronto statement by Canadian child-protection workers that was reported in The Dallas Morning News.

Stout rebutted the assertions in a statement released through Marlene Mitchell, a longtime family friend and a spokeswoman for the Stout family.

"I agreed to only let Rachel have what is recommended to her by the physicians and is provided to her by the hospital staff," Stout said in the statement. "I have honored and abided by that agreement. It is tragic that people will go so far as to make erroneous comments that could ultimately result in harm to Rachel."

Texas doctors told Stout's family that she suffers from severe ulcerative colitis. In late August, they suggested that she have her colon removed, setting off a dispute over her treatment when her father took her to Canada for alternative treatment.

Despite the affidavit, a Toronto judge refused to grant custody of the girl to the Canadian government Friday.

Instead, the judge ordered limited supervision of the girl and her father.

Charge dropped against Air Force major in girl's murder

SAN ANTONIO — An Air Force major who led a massive search for a missing 11-year-old girl will not be court-martialed in her murder case, a general has ruled.

Maj. Eric Duncan was charged with kidnapping and murder in a sworn military complaint filed in 1991 this year by Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Seeman, the father of Heidi Seeman.

The girl disappeared while walking home with a friend in August 1990. Afterward, Duncan led tens of thousands of people in a citywide search for the child and helped establish a center to locate other missing children.

Heidi's body was found near Wimberley three weeks after she vanished.

Brig. Gen. Robert Belihar, commander of Brooks Air Force Base, ruled Monday the charge against Duncan would be dropped. He made the decision after a hearing examiner ruled there is not sufficient evidence to proceed with the charge of premeditated murder.

Belihar said the investigation into the case remains open, and Duncan remains the chief suspect.

Fake western ghost town, Old Fort Dallas, up for bids

DALLAS (AP) — For a fake town with no population, Old Fort Dallas has seen a lot of action.

Kenneth Johnson, who runs the fabricated ghost town in southern Dallas County, will give up ownership in an Oct. 5 auction. After that, Johnson, 66, will retire, travel with his wife and treasure his memories of the Interstate 45 curiosity.

In the five years since he took control of Old Fort Dallas, he said, he has witnessed oilman Ray Hunt operate a dunking booth at a company picnic, officials of a New York bank herd longhorn cattle down the main street, and members of the heavy-metal band Metallica don Western wear.

He has met Troy Aikman, Nolan Ryan, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill and Chuck Norris. He has rented out the facility for children's birthday parties, the Cattle Baron's Ball and photo shoots with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. This year, more than 20,000 rock fans

came to Old Fort Dallas for the Lollapalooza concert.

And there were weddings, too. "People like to have weddings here. They don't have to dress up, they can come in blue jeans," he said.

He remembered one wedding in particular in which the couple was already married, but the bride wanted to restage the event for her mother, who was from England. The couple wanted to show her a Western wedding, he said, or at least what a Briton might think weddings were like in Texas.

"The bride wore a traditional gown, and the groom wore jeans," Johnson said, "and when he came in, they tied him up and pointed a gun to his head and said, 'Say I do.'"

The next day, Johnson said, "I went to a Cowboys game and I saw the bride in the stands. She was still wearing the wedding gown."

The buildings were constructed off I-45 near Wilmer in the early 1980s. The town was origi-

nally called "Big D" and was conceived as a theme park that could serve as a venue for private parties and backdrops for commercial filming.

After the initial venture went bankrupt, Johnson picked up its 30 buildings and 100 acres at a foreclosure sale.

Johnson, who had recently retired as owner of an auto air-conditioning parts manufacturing company, owned land nearby. He said he attended the auction not intending to buy the property.

"When nobody else bid, I made what I thought was a ridiculously low bid. The bidding started there, and that's where it stayed," he said.

Many of the furnishings inside the buildings are authentic. The saloon bar came from a small town near the Rio Grande, and the bars in the jail came from Collin County.

The buildings themselves, however, are more Hollywood than Dodge City. Although some are modeled after actual

buildings, and many are constructed with old wood, some of them simply look old.

Johnson said the builder soaked steel wool in vinegar for 24 hours, then brushed the mixture on the wood to give it an instant weathered look.

Johnson said he always regarded the town as a hobby.

"I never advertised much," he said. "I just waited for the phone to ring, and what business came to us, came."

That business included episodes of "Walker, Texas Ranger" in which the stretch of southern Dallas County prairie did duty as a Mexican town. Old Fort Dallas was also the site of a Dallas Mavericks commercial that featured Jason Kidd, Jim Jackson and Jamal Mashburn.

Johnson vividly remembers the day it was filmed.

He was struck, he said, by the scene of then team-owner Don Carter driving "himself up" in his pickup truck, while his players arrived in their chauffeured limousines.

Hutchison's stalking measure signed into law with defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stalking victims are hoping for some relief under a new law imposing federal criminal penalties for stalkers who cross state lines to harass or harm their targets.

The measure sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas was signed into law Monday by President Clinton as part of the 1997 defense authorization bill.

"Today we say loud and clear if you stalk and harass, the law will follow you wherever you go," Clinton said during the Oval Office ceremony, attended by several stalking victims.

"And if you are the victim of stalking and want to build a new life somewhere else, you will have the full protection of federal law."

The new law makes it a federal crime for anyone to cross state lines to injure or harass another person — closing a loophole in the 1994 crime law, which addressed interstate stalking only by present or former spouses or intimate partners. The measure also makes restraining orders valid from state to state. And, it gives federal law enforcement authority to investigate and prosecute stalkers.

Stalkers convicted under the federal law face five years imprisonment for harassment and life imprisonment if they kill their victim.

Actress Theresa Saldana, who was seriously injured by a knife-wielding stalker in 1982, said the new law should help ease victims' minds.

"Simply being pursued is horrendous," she said in a telephone interview. "And to wait until there's a physical assault or a death or a tragedy before you can appropriately punish the person has always been extremely painful for the people who are being stalked."

The federal law "gives us the right to not have to wait until someone is injured or attacked," said the actress, who appeared in the movie "Raging Bull" and ABC's "The Commish."

Ricardo Wiggs, a Clinton, Md., man whose wife was killed four years ago by a stalker, watched as the president signed the bill.

"Today provides closure in the long battle that I've had to endure with my daughters,"

Wiggs said after the ceremony, which he attended with his two young daughters.

The legislation's author, Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., said federal prison sentences should warn off some stalkers.

"There is a very real deterrent effect here for the first time for those who cross across state lines and stalk their victims," Royce said.

Mrs. Hutchison has had her own unpleasant brushes with stalking. The Texas Republican has been intermittently targeted by one man since the 1970s.

She teamed with Royce last spring, using some legislative sleight-of-hand to slip his measure into the defense authorization bill last month after it hit roadblocks in the Senate as a stand-alone bill.

Mexico's ruling party reforms: Renewal for dinosaurs?

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Newly enacted reforms should make Mexico's ruling party "a vanguard of democracy," says President Ernesto Zedillo.

But it's not clear that more freedom inside the party means more democracy for Mexico as a whole — at least in the short run.

Since its founding in 1929, the Institutional Revolutionary Party has won every presidential race and most state elections. If a reformist leader like Zedillo decides to loosen his grip, it's likely the less-than-democratic old guard will try to tighten its clench.

There certainly was a newly

combative spirit over the weekend among the 4,200 delegates to the National Assembly of the party, called the PRI.

Many were upset by an economic crisis, by election reforms that have helped rival parties and by an unprecedented series of opposition victories in state elections last year.

Some delegates came close to fistfights. Others were drowned in whistles and hisses as they tried to speak.

But in the end, democracy gave way to tradition. Long trained to genuflect before pronouncements of the president or party leadership, the delegates bowed to most of their leaders'

proposals.

Nobody openly protested Sunday when party leaders watered down several resolutions adopted earlier by platform committees. The adulterated measures were quickly approved without discussion.

The delegates, however, did achieve a few key reforms, notably requiring candidates for the president or governor to have prior election experience.

That amounted to open rebellion against the bureaucrats whom party leaders have promoted over political veterans. None of Mexico's last five presidents could have been nominated under such a rule.

"Enough of technocrats!" Coahuila state legislator Nabor Ochoa shouted Saturday.

Grass-roots reformers, concerned about democracy within the party, joined party hard-liners who are fed up with technocrats to push through the change.

The technocrats, often educated abroad, have led efforts to improve Mexico's democratic image and open its economy.

The modernizers crusaded against corruption, although several have been stained by suspicion: President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's brother amassed more than \$100 million in foreign bank accounts.

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OUR VIEWS

Big Spring needs us all to take part in clean up

There are few West Texas sights prettier than that provided from any number of locations where Big Spring's lights can be surveyed at night.

Unfortunately, daylight brings an entirely different appraisal. She who had seemed so lovely in the moonlight is revealed to be a bit haggard ... certainly in need of a face lift.

No, we're not discussing the Settles Hotel here. Although there is a desperate need to do something about the city's largest eyesore, as well as a number of other vacant downtown buildings; what Big Spring needs more than anything is a good cleaning up.

Yards and vacant lots overgrown, dilapidated buildings and blowing trash seem indicative of a community that takes little pride in itself.

For the most part, Big Spring's appearance problem is one that begs for individual involvement.

It isn't difficult to realize it's been too long since a mower has traversed one's lawn. Nor is it difficult to ascertain whether other property is overgrown or in a state of disrepair ... simply driving by usually does the trick.

The difficult part, is accepting the responsibility of doing something about eyesores. Mow your lawn if it needs it; keep lots within the city mowed and trimmed; and if buildings need repair, do it or have it done. If not, have them dismantled and carted away.

One of the easiest things to do, however, is to make sure one's business or household garbage - all of it - makes its way into a dumpster. And if that dumpster is in disrepair, notify city officials.

Blowing trash is not just the result of our ever-present West Texas wind. It is primarily the result of carelessness.

While no one can deny improvements made as a result of Polly St. Clair and the "Proud Citizens" committee, it's time for all of us to become proud citizens.

Perhaps it's time for a "Paint Up, Fix Up, Clean Up" weekend. If individuals and businesses came together to improve the appearance of our community, who knows what else is possible?

Solutions to other major problems might be in the offing.

It's worth a try.



Reasons why we need to control population

By BONNIE ERBE
Scripps Howard News Service

This is the sort of column that will draw a combination of guffaws, rotten tomatoes and vilifying remarks, but if I read 50 years from now will appear prophetic. It was inspired by three completely unrelated stories that graced the pages of our nation's newspapers within the last week.

New York City's school system is so grossly overcrowded that students are glutted into classrooms where the student/teacher ratio is as high as 49 to one (32 is considered the largest number of students a teacher can manage, with 15 to 20 being optimal).

Learning has become a luxury these public school students cannot afford. Their overburdened teachers spend the entire day trying to organize children into sub-groups that are small enough to control - there's neither the time nor the freedom to teach.

Iran's men - after decades of being told to father many children with their wives - are now being exhorted by their Islamic leaders to undergo vasectomies. The reason? The country cannot absorb its increase in citizenry.

Since 1979 its population has skyrocketed from 35- to 60 million after government leaders encouraged people to have large families to "preserve the revolution." Now, with educational systems overburdened, jobs and health care scarce and proper housing not available, the government is re-thinking its philosophy and asking Iranians to produce fewer children.

Overcrowding, underemployment, inadequate housing and substandard health care, found in Iran, to be the way of the world? Does the rest of this nation want to follow California's lead and live with constant, possibly severe, water shortages. Do we want municipalities putting limits on the length of showers, the times we can water our lawn or the amount of water that can be devoted to crop production? Me thinks not.

Overpopulation is the most pressing issue today, and the one least discussed in public. Family size is still not one of those things discussed in "polite company." Yet all signs are telling us if we do not take it up, and quickly, it will overtake us.

Since God told the ancients to "Be fruitful and multiply," man has obediently done so. And until the last half-century or so, that made perfect sense. There was abundant undeveloped land and available resources. Childhood illnesses were frequently fatal, and families could count on losing one or two of their younger members well before they reached adulthood.

Now, diseases such as mumps, measles and cholera are curable. And there are so many of us that land is expensive and natural resources are being depleted.

Many Americans are appalled by China's "one child per family" policy. Forced abortion, to the extent that technique is employed by the Chinese government, is wrong. But few Americans have been to China nor seen the squalor and overcrowding in which most Chinese live. If they did, they might feel differently.

Unless we foster family planning both in the United States and overseas, we will see more and more cities facing New York's educational problems. More states will encounter California's water shortages. Unless we encourage young parents to have no more than children, our unemployment problems will rival those of Iran.

Oh, I can hear those guffaws and sense those rotten tomatoes headed my way. But years hence, your children's children will wish you had acted to preserve for them a more livable world.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary" and legal affairs correspondent for the Mutual/NBC Radio networks, writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

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Autum's busy with baseball, football and election

By CHARLES McDOWELL
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON - And so, on a Sunday, we reach that time of hope and celebration, the beginning of fall.

Summer is done. The weather already is better, which is to say not so hot and damp and given to storms, even tornadoes. Vacations have pretty much yielded to work and school, which are calming influences in the world. And, for some of us, the time has come to get interested in baseball again.

I was once almost a baseball writer, but I lacked the awed and awesome commitment that would allow me to follow both big-league and back-yard baseball from spring to fall, let alone through the new playoffs to the World Series in late October. I was especially put off by having to cope with baseball and football together in the late summer; they are games for different seasons, and together they can make September and October just too

frantic.

The fact that there is another concurrent competition this year between President Clinton and the Republican challenger, Bob Dole, adds to the difficulty facing a good many citizens. Then there are the races for the House and Senate - it's almost too much, of course.

My solution has been to try to ignore football entirely until after the World Series. In recent years, even without a presidential race, I have been increasingly willing to play more tennis and take more naps and let baseball mostly go its own way, too, until the beginning of the fall season.

This year, I was somewhat surprised to become involved with baseball before the seasons changed. But I was led to it by reading about Bob Dole's going to Los Angeles and making a speech in which he said the Brooklyn Dodgers had set a good example for him by yielding no hits to their opponent in a recent game.

Actually, of course, the Brooklyn Dodgers had moved to Los Angeles in 1958. The

point is that Dole and I both perhaps are somewhat distracted by all that's going on at one time.

What should be appealing about the beginning of fall, I keep reminding myself, is that there are choices and there is always relief available from whatever choices we make.

We know that right now the baseball teams are going into the last seven or eight games before the playoffs and then the World Series beginning Oct. 19, ending no later than Oct. 27. Even then there is time remaining, a week or more, really to concentrate on the last rallies of the presidential and House and Senate contests before Election Day on Nov. 5.

Halloween occurs, by the way, on Oct. 31, and may or may not seem a part of a seasonal trauma depending on one's attitude toward politicians involved in the election. Likewise, Thanksgiving on Nov. 28 might have some political resonance.

Anyway, both college and professional football (and other

sports including rough-house hockey) are hitting their strides in November, and can provide psychic relief from politics, politicians and, indeed, political reporters. Winter begins on Dec. 21. A great deal has happened since the autumn began three months ago on a September Sunday afternoon.

In the new season, Christmas on the fourth day has a way of standing on its own, although there are football games on the calendar all around it. The first of January is college football's big bowl day and, alas, two days before Congress convenes in Washington and organizes itself for peaceful attendance at the inauguration of the President of the United States on Jan. 20.

The pros' Superbowl is January 28, and the thoroughly American four months of fall and the start of winter will be over. And thoroughly celebrated.

(Charles McDowell is a columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.)



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Rangers continue skid with 5-3 loss to Oakland, but move closer to title

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A loss to the Athletics left the Texas Rangers frustrated and disappointed, but one game closer to their ultimate goal.

The Rangers missed a chance to widen their lead in the AL West when they lost 5-3 Monday night to Oakland, but the Seattle Mariners' loss reduced Texas' magic number to five for winning its first division title.

"That's one more down," said Texas manager Johnny Oates.

MAGIC NUMBER

5

TODAY'S GAME

Rangers at Oakland, 9 p.m., TCI channel 42

"Sure, it would have been much nicer to get the win. We just didn't get the base hit when we needed it tonight."

The Rangers, who had 12 hits, were frustrated at leaving 10 men on base — including leaving the bases loaded in the sixth when Kevin Elster flied to right. Texas could have opened a three-game lead over Seattle, which earlier lost 4-3 at California.

"You don't lose any ground, but at the same time you get a little ticked off because you could have done a better job on the field," said Will Clark, who had an RBI double for Texas.

The Athletics chased Bobby Witt after 1-3 innings, his shortest outing this season. Ernie Young had an RBI double and a run-scoring single as the A's scored five runs in the first

three innings.

Mark McGwire, who hit his 52nd homer on Sunday, went 0-for-3 but had a bases-loaded walk to drive in Oakland's first run.

The Rangers, who have a game left in Oakland on Tuesday before heading home to complete the regular season with four games against the Angels, lost for the 10th time in their last 13 games.

Witt (15-12) gave up five hits and walked two in his shortest stint since pitching just one inning for Florida before leaving a game at Colorado on June 20, 1995, with an injury.

"For the team it's a good situation, but I didn't go out there and do my job," Witt said of the Rangers maintaining their two-game lead over Seattle. "When you come out in a game like

Angels stall Mariners charge with 4-3 win

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The California Angels, denied the AL West last season when they were caught by Seattle, stalled the Mariners' playoff push Monday night with a 4-3 victory.

Seattle, which has made up seven games in the standings this month to move within two games of first-place Texas, lost for just the second time in 12 games.

The Mariners dropped 1½ games behind Baltimore in the AL wild-card race. The Orioles lost to Milwaukee 8-7 in 10 innings.

Chuck Finley (15-15) struck out 11 in eight innings to reach 200 strikeouts in a season for the first time in his 11-year career. The left-han-

der allowed five hits before giving way to Troy Percival, who struck out the side in the ninth for his 36th save.

The last-place Angels, who blew a 13-game lead in the final two months of the 1995 season and lost a one-game playoff to the Mariners, scored two unearned runs in each of the first two innings against Sterling Hitchcock (13-9).

Chili Davis hit a two-run homer in the first and Tim Salmon drove in two more with a ground-rule double in the second. All four runs came with two out, as the Angels capitalized on errors by left fielder Mark Whiten and shortstop Alex Rodriguez.

this and not perform, you're not satisfied."

Texas got Clark's run-scoring double in the first, a sacrifice fly by Darryl Hamilton in the second and an RBI double by

Juan Gonzalez in the seventh. Gonzalez, who has driven in 142 runs this season, became the Rangers' career RBI leader with 657.

John Wasdin (8-7), a late

replacement for the injured Willie Adams, allowed two runs on eight hits in five innings for the A's. Adams is out for the season with a sore right shoulder.

Big 12 elite learns how other half lives

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suddenly, Nebraska is just part of the pack, joining the Big 12 heap of supposed league favorites that couldn't get through September without losing a non-conference game.

The Cornhuskers have joined Colorado, Texas and Texas A&M in the loss column, and might have given the league's fringe powers an extra boost in the process.

"I imagine they feel pretty good at Kansas, Kansas State and Baylor right now," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said this week, pointing to conference's remaining schools with a perfect league record.

"I felt from the onset that this was maybe a league that had one dominant team in Nebraska, then I felt like you could throw a hat over the rest

of them.

Nebraska's 19-0 loss Saturday night to Arizona State might do some good for other teams' psyches, but the fact remains that the Cornhuskers, along with favorites Colorado and Texas A&M, have yet to play a conference game. Texas, which was clipped 27-24 by Notre Dame on Saturday, is 1-0 thanks to an opening day rout of Missouri.

Colorado visits A&M this weekend, ensuring one will begin life in the Big 12 at 0-1, which will further the hopes of the league's middle class.

"I guess anybody would be lying if they didn't say they were surprised there were only three teams at this stage that hadn't lost a game," Baylor's Chuck Reedy said during a coaches' conference call Monday. "The fact that those teams have been beaten doesn't

change our approach."

Baylor has vaulted to 3-0 against a weak intersectional schedule with a young team dotted with some of the nation's most desirable talent. The Bears have the weekend off before their first Big 12 game at Texas Tech (1-2, 1-1).

No. 16 Kansas State and No. 20 Kansas might gain inspiration from then-No. 19 Arizona State's 19-0 pasting of the Cornhuskers when conference play rolls around.

Then again, they might not.

"Nebraska made some mistakes in that game that most of us who face them year-in and year-out don't see," Kansas coach Glen Mason said, stopping short of calling the loss a fluke.

Nebraska remains the Big 12's top-ranked team at No. 8, followed by Texas, which fell

from sixth to 13th. Each is still the favorite to reach the league's title game in December.

"We are exactly where Tennessee and Colorado are," Longhorns coach John Mackovic said of other one-loss powers. "We have to win and bounce back. We have to work our way back into the picture, and we can do that."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, too, refused to count the Big 12, and his team by association, out of anything.

"I think that Nebraska is going to bounce back," said Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons, whose team has jumped to a 3-1 start. "I know coach Osborne is going to find a way to get that team back on track. They really hadn't been beaten in a long time ... But it does open the door."

Falcons suspend Jeff George after confrontation

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The Jeff George era may be over in Atlanta.

The Falcons quarterback was suspended Monday after a sideline confrontation with coach June Jones, who seemed to indicate that George wouldn't be playing again for his team.

"After the next 24 to 48 hours, we'll look at it closely and decide where we're going to go from there," Jones said after Monday's workout. "It's just a bad situation. ... I don't know how it's going to sort out."

Jones said the quarterback "left me no choice" after he complained vehemently about being benched in the third quarter of a 33-18 loss to Philadelphia that left the Falcons at 0-3.

George could be seen following Jones down the sideline. Jones said the suspension was for conduct detrimental to the team, including abusive language and "the fact that it went on for 10 minutes."

"It was a distraction," receiver Bert Emanuel said. "I don't know what was said, but I think both of them were pretty upset. June's the head coach and he makes the decisions around here. It's just something we've got to live with."

Jones, who built his entire run-and-shoot offense around the strong-armed George, said

all options would be considered, including a trade, although the quarterback's \$3.64 million contract could be a stumbling block under the salary cap.

Jones said if George had expressed his displeasure in private — instead of in front of the team and a national television audience — a suspension probably would not have been warranted.

"When it comes to the point where it affects the rest of the group, then you've got to do something," Jones said.

George left the Falcons complex Monday without commenting to reporters. His agent, Leigh Steinberg, was observing the Yom Kippur holiday and did not return a telephone message Monday.

After the game Sunday, George was repentant about the language he used with his coach.

"I guess some of the things I said on the sideline, I'm kind of upset about that," he said.

Still, it was clear George wasn't happy about his benching, having completed 10 straight passes before he threw an interception that prompted Jones to put Bobby Hebert in the game with the Falcons trailing 23-10.

"You can blame me. That's fine," George said. "But it's a team effort. There's more than

one guy out there. It goes all the way up to the coaching staff. Everybody needs to look at themselves."

The suspension of George was the latest in a series of events that have saddled him with the label of being a selfish player who will never be a winner in the NFL.

In college, he stirred hard feelings when he transferred from Purdue to Illinois. Drafted by his hometown team, the Indianapolis Colts, he wore out his welcome in 1993 with a holdout. In Atlanta, he never was accepted by the fans, despite the big numbers he posted in the run-and-shoot.

"Maybe he's a little ... stand-offish," Hebert said. "Maybe some people didn't like that and perceived that as some form of arrogance."

Saying he wanted to settle down in Atlanta, George sought a long-term deal from the Falcons after throwing for a club-record 4,143 yards and leading the team to the playoffs last season. But negotiations bogged down and he further damaged his reputation by sitting out two preseason games before agreeing to a compromise one-year deal that makes him an unrestricted free agent at the end of the year.

Hebert, 36, will start Sunday at San Francisco. He was a Pro

Bowler for the Falcons in 1993, but underwent surgery on his throwing elbow after that season.

Atlanta, fearing he didn't have the arm strength for the run-and-shoot, traded two first-round picks to get George in 1994, and Hebert accepted a role as a backup. Now, he's back in the starting lineup.

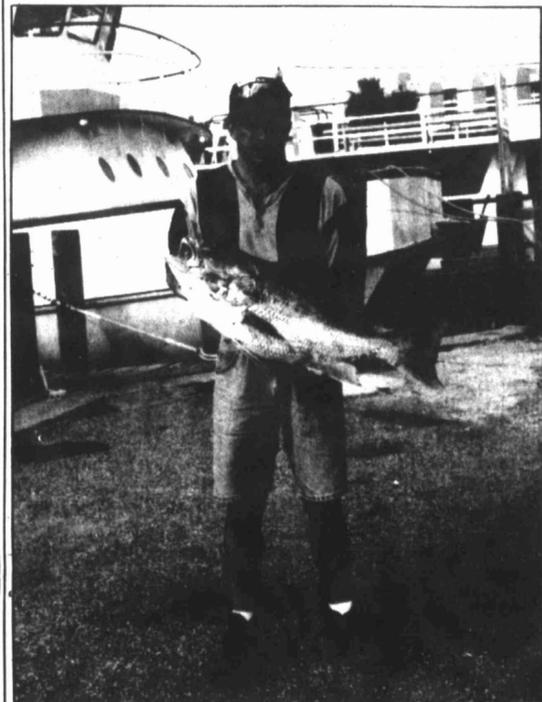
"I'll just try to bite the bullet and do all I can to help the team win now," said Hebert, who threw three interceptions — one more than George — after he entered the Philadelphia game late in the third quarter.

Hebert said he was looking at his start as a one-game-only situation, and he wondered if any team would be willing to trade for George.

"If they work out a trade for Jeff, they might want to look at it as, well, do we want to invest the kind of money that Jeff wants simply because of his actions," Hebert said. "I've never seen (a similar sideline dispute) in the 15 years I've played."

Atlanta was carrying only two quarterbacks, and Jones plans to bring in two new players to back up Hebert. At the top of the list are former Falcons Browning Nagle, Perry Klein and Billy Joe Tolliver.

NICE CATCH



Courtesy photo
Jimmie Barrier of Big Spring shows off the 19-pound red snapper he hauled in while deep sea fishing off Port Aransas on Sept. 13.

Indianapolis captures war of attrition over Miami, 10-6

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Harbaugh was the last man standing.

Make that crawling.

Indianapolis beat Miami 10-6 on Monday night as the weekend's last matchup of unbeaten teams became a game of attrition.

The Dolphins' Dan Marino sprained an ankle in the first quarter and the Colts, playing without six injured starters, lost two starting linebackers on one play early in the game.

But it was Harbaugh's willingness to sacrifice his body that saved the day as the Colts handed Jimmy Johnson his first loss as the Dolphins' coach.

His 1-yard TD toss to Ken Dilger at the end of a 90-yard drive that spanned nearly eight minutes of the first and second quarters, was the game's only touchdown.

But perhaps more important, he dove into a pile of Miami defenders at his own 39 in the fourth quarter to grab a fumble by teammate Cliff Groce that Miami appeared to have recovered. The officials ruled Harbaugh and Miami's Chris Singleton had simultaneous possession, giving the ball back to the Colts.

Otherwise, it was a day for the Indianapolis defense as the Colts (4-0) took over first place in the AFC East with Miami (3-1) and Buffalo a game behind.

Despite losing linebackers Quentin Coryatt and Stephen Grant with pulled muscles on Miami's first possession, the Colts held a running attack that had averaged 156 yards coming into the game to just 28 yards. And they sacked Marino's replacement, Bernie Kosar, four times as they joined Kansas City, Minnesota and Carolina as the NFL's only

unbeaten teams.

Still, it wasn't easy for Indianapolis, which was without running back Marshall Faulk and defensive end Tony Bennett, the most prominent injured starters entering the game.

It showed on Miami's first possession as Marino drove Miami 79 yards to the Indianapolis 6.

The key play was a 34-yard pass from Marino to O.J. McDuffie that gave the Dolphins a first and goal at the 7. But Marino turned his ankle on the turf on that play. X-rays showed a sprain and he will have a bye week to rest it.

Marino remained in for two plays after the injury, but Miami had to settle for Joe Nedney's 24-yard field goal.

Then Harbaugh, who was 19 of 25 for 120 yards, drove the Colts the length of the field — 97 yards in 16 plays that consumed nearly eight minutes, completing eight of 10 passes for 65 of the yards, capping it on the 1-yard flip to a wide-open Dilger on first and goal.

Nedney's 29-yarder with 1:37 left in the half made it 7-6 at intermission after Kosar took the Dolphins 55 yards, including his 6-yard scramble, Miami's longest run of the first half.

Late in the third period, the Colts drove 89 yards to a first down at the Dolphins' 1 with Marvin Harrison going 15 yards on a reverse and Zack Crockett 26 yards up the middle to set up first and goal.

But Trace Armstrong knocked Harbaugh down at the 3 on a first-down rollout, and Indianapolis ended up settling for Cary Blanchard's 18-yard field goal on the second play of the fourth quarter.

Cowboys struggle to get their act together — fast

IRVING (AP) — Two of the Dallas Cowboys biggest stars, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, aren't certain what ails the Super Bowl champions. They just know a cure is needed fast.

"This team is still hungry to win," Aikman said Monday. "We've faced a lot of adversity over the years and we have to fight through adversity again. But I can tell you this, we desperately need a win. If we don't get one soon, we can pack it in."

Aikman was limping around the lockerroom with a sprained ankle Monday, courtesy of the Buffalo pass rush in Sunday's 10-7 loss that dumped the Cowboys to a 1-3 record. No team has ever rallied from a 1-3 start and won a Super Bowl.

Aikman, who said the bum ankle won't keep him from

"I can't answer the question why we can't run the football. But it all comes down to execution. The offensive line is facing a lot of stunts and twists up front. For some reason the offensive line is struggling. We're all struggling."

Troy Aikman

played next Monday night in Philadelphia, was puzzled by the Cowboys' poor play, particularly on offense. He has thrown three interceptions.

"I can't answer the question why we can't run the football," Aikman said. "But it all comes down to execution. The offensive line is facing a lot of stunts and twists up front. For some reason the offensive line is struggling. We're all struggling."

Smith has averaged only 3.3 yards per rush and scored just

two touchdowns. He got only 1.7 yards per attempt against Buffalo and suffered bruised ribs. A four-time rushing champion who totaled just 25 yards against the Bills, Smith won't miss any playing time.

On Monday, Smith just shook his head.

"We're not doing a lot of little things that we've done in the past," he said. "We just have to get back to the basics. Whatever changes we make, we have to get them done quickly."

"It feels like we haven't

played good football in 10 months. To start 1-3 is just horrible. I know I still have the desire to win. I feel my teammates do. I guess I don't know the real reason for our start. Things are just not happening our way."

Then Smith added: "In the seven years I've been a Dallas Cowboy, I've never felt anything like this."

Smith said as long as the Cowboys are losing, he knows what people will be thinking.

"Everybody is going to say we're washed up," Smith said. "Until we get this thing turned around, it sure looks that way."

One thing is clear: The Cowboys don't scare anybody.

"We used to have the intimidation factor," offensive lineman Nate Newton said. "We're not intimidating anybody anymore."

Tiger Woods has PGA tour by tail with his quick start

ENDICOTT, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods' average paycheck in his first four pro tournaments ranks 17th on the PGA Tour, and without his 60th-place finish during his hectic first week he would be in the top 10 for winnings per start.

True, other golfers have gotten off to better starts than Woods. And true, Woods has broken into the PGA Tour in events with relatively weak fields.

But no one has ever entered the game with as much acclaim and under as much pressure as Woods. Quite simply, the 20-year-old was expected to be the best ever.

To respond to that pressure by making all four cuts and by finishing 11th, fifth and third the last three weeks is remarkable.

"Clearly, if there was any doubt whatsoever that the kid can play at this level it is erased," John Morris, vice president of communications for the PGA Tour, said Monday. "He has the game."

And Woods, who plays the Buick Challenge in Pine Mountain, Ga., this week, now has won enough money to guarantee that he will play a full schedule on the PGA Tour next year.

The \$58,000 third-place check from the B.C. Open gave Woods \$140,000 and moved him into 128th place on the money list. With four more events left this year Woods will almost certainly climb into the top 125 and earn his full-time PGA Tour card for 1997.

By moving into the top 150 he is eligible for as many sponsor exemptions as he wants for next year, ensuring he will play in as many tournaments he wants.

By turning pro, Woods did lose the invitations to the Masters, the U.S. Open and the British Open he won by winning the U.S. Amateur.

He will, however, still be able to earn his way into those events.

Phil Mickelson is the leading money winner on tour with \$1,574,799 in 21 tournaments. That averages to \$74,990 per start — also the best on tour.

Fred Couples has the second-best average at \$65,562 — \$1,048,994 in 16 tournaments — and Tom Watson is 10th at \$43,949 per start — \$659,238 in 15 tournaments.

Woods' earned \$140,194 in four starts — an average of \$35,048, good for 17th place.

"It's probably the best start since Ben Crenshaw," Morris said.

Top prep teams hold ground in weekly AP poll

LUBBOCK (AP) — When all five of the state's top-ranked high school football teams hold their ground, there's usually plenty of action going on beneath them.

Last weekend failed to disappoint.

The Grapevine Mustangs proved they're worth their No. 2 ranking in Class 4A with a 31-28 victory over Flower Mound Marcus, which dropped out of the Class 5A poll following the defeat.

It was sweet revenge for a 67-14 loss to Marcus last year, and the victory more than justified the loftiest poll position Grapevine has seen in years, if ever.

La Marque earned 19 of 20 first-place votes to easily hold the top ranking with a 31-0 victory over Baytown Sterling. That sets up one of the season's most awaited showdowns when La Marque, the defending 4A state champions, plays No. 5 Tyler John Tyler, a 5A state champion two seasons ago.

John Tyler devoured another perennial power, Dallas Carter, 22-12 as an appetizer to hold its poll position behind North Mesquite, Converse Judson, Houston Yates and Aldine among 5A teams.

North Mesquite showed no letdown from last week's drubbing of Odessa Permian with a 44-7 beating of Eules Trinity to retain its 19 first-place votes.

The top-ranked teams in the other classes held their polling leads as well, though none was

unanimous. Class 3A Sealy and 2A Alto each gained 19 first-place votes. In 1A, Windthorst maintains a slight edge over No. 2 Granger.

Granger passed a tough 1A test Friday in a 14-6 victory over then-No. 6 Bremond, which fell just one place in the rankings despite a 1-2 record.

New to the poll this week are Austin Westlake and Richardson Lake Highlands, which landed Nos. 9 and 10 in 5A; Waco University, tied for eighth in 4A with Clear Brook; No. 10 Industrial in 2A and No. 10 Runge in 1A.

Along with Marcus, losses drove four other schools out of the rankings: Aldine Eisenhower in 5A, West Orange-Stark in 4A, Bangs in 2A and Muenster in 1A.

WEEK 3 PREP POLL

The Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote, and previous week's ranking. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Class 5A	Record	Pts
1. NorthMesquite (19) 3-0-0	199	1
2. ConverseJudson (1) 3-0-0	158	2
3. HoustonYates 3-0-0	152	3
4. Aldine 3-0-0	134	4

5. TylerJohnTyler 3-0-0	119	5
6. Marshall 3-0-0	100	6
7. SARoosevelt 3-0-0	71	7
8. OdessaPermian 2-1-0	46	10
9. AustinWestlake 3-0-0	30	x
10. Rich.LakeHighlands 3-0-0	25	x

Also receiving votes: Midland Lee 16, Galena Park North Shore 12, Abilene 8, Duncanville 7, Arlington Lamar 5, Dallas Carter 4, Killen Ellison 4, Aldine Eisenhower 3, Beaumont West Brook 2, Flower Mound Marcus 2, Baytown Lee 1, Edinburg North 1, Irving MacArthur 1, Langham Creek 1, Longview 1

Class 4A	Record	Pts
1. LaMarque (17) 3-0-0	189	1
2. Grapevine (2) 3-0-0	162	3
3. Waxahachie (1) 3-0-0	154	3
4. CCalallen 3-0-0	132	4
5. Sweetwater 3-0-0	101	7
6. Denison 3-0-0	89	6
7. Jasper 3-0-0	74	7
7. ClearBrook 2-1-0	25	10
7. WacoUniversity 3-0-0	25	x
10. Sherman 2-1-0	22	5

Also receiving votes: Henderson 16, Alice 14, Navasota 13, Carthage 13, Stephenville 11, Port Neches-Groves, Terrell 10, Bay City 8, Southlake Carroll 5, Texas City 5, Gregory-Portland 4, West Orange-Stark 3, San Angelo Lake View 3, Saginaw Boswell 2, Azle 1

Class 3A	Record	Pts
1. Sealy (19) 3-0-0	198	1
2. Vernon 3-0-0	155	3
3. Coldspring (1) 3-0-0	130	4
4. Crockett 3-0-0	111	8
5. Columbus 1-0-1	103	5
6. Atlanta 2-0-1	100	6
7. Daingerfield 3-0-0	88	7
8. Mexia 3-0-0	48	10
9. Rusk 2-1-0	45	2
10. Ballinger 2-1-0	40	9

Also receiving votes: Liberty 11, Monahans 10, Teague 10, Medina Valley 7, Alpine 5, Cameron Yoe 5, Colorado City 4, Elgin 4, Abilene Wylie 4, Taft 3, Lorena 3, Kemp 2, Jourdanton 2, Bridgeport 1, Crane 1, Palestine Westwood 1, Troy 1

Class 2A	Record	Pts
1. Alto (19) 3-0-0	199	1
2. Cella (1) 3-0-0	162	3
3. Groveton 3-0-0	151	4
4. Schulenburg 3-0-0	134	5
5. Italy 2-0-0	115	6
6. Iraan 2-0-0	98	7
7. Kerens 3-0-0	59	8
8. Rosebud-Lott 3-0-0	58	9
9. Refugio 2-1-0	46	2
10. Industrial 3-0-0	19	x

Also receiving votes: Goldthwaite 8, Panhandle 7, Mart 6, Valley Mills 6, East Bernard 3, Ganado 3, West Texas 2, Winters 2, East Chambers 2, Bangs 2, Three Rivers 2, Iola 1, Roscoe 1, Whiteright 1, Deweyville 1

Class A	Record	Pts
1. Windthorst (9) 3-0-0	176	1
2. Granger (4) 3-0-0	162	2
3. Springlake-Earth (4) 3-0-0	148	3
4. Celeste (1) 3-0-0	127	4
5. Munday (1) 3-0-0	119	5
6. Bartlett (1) 3-0-0	94	7
7. Sudan 2-1-0	69	8
8. Burkeville 2-1-0	47	9
9. Bremond 1-2-0	44	6
10. Runge 3-0-0	37	x

Also receiving votes: Wink 17, Wortham 14, Kress 13, Muenster 13, Meridian 9, Gruver 7, Oakwood 7, Wheeler 6, Overton 3, Bronte 3, Rising Star 2, Bryson 2, Alvord 1, Nueces 1

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Consider going on behind the scene. Musing another's point of view, even if you don't agree! Humor helps make you feel more positive. Extremes mark this day. Retaining a sense of the absurd goes far in resolving a problem. Tonight: Remain grounded in the midst of confusion. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Husband struggles with guilt while coping with invalid wife
away." As I reduced my visits, I wound up with a guilty conscience that is difficult to cope with.
My children have encouraged me to seek female companionship, something I had longed for, but I was concerned about what others would think.
However, for the last four months I have been romantically involved with a 62-year-old neighbor lady whose husband died nine years ago. We have taken a few trips together. My children and brothers and sisters enthusiastically approve of our relationship and say they have noticed a positive change in me.
Abby, my guilt feelings have increased even though I haven't changed my visiting routine to the nursing home. I would greatly appreciate your comments on my situation. — TORN IN OLYMPIA, WASH.
DEAR TORN: I can understand your feelings of guilt. Fate has placed you between a rock and a hard place. You are a married man with an absentee wife.
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If there is an Alzheimer's support group in your area, join it. There are thousands of support groups for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients, and the national office of the Alzheimer's Association (1-800-272-3900) will be happy to refer you.
Incidentally, on Oct. 5 and 6 in more than 200 communities, the Alzheimer's Association will hold its 1996 Memory Walk, the only nationwide event for Alzheimer's disease, to raise funds for caregiver programs.
DEAR ABBY: I am 36 years old and my husband is 38. We have been married three years. This is a second marriage for both of us, and I consider myself the luckiest woman in the wgrmd.
I have never had children but my husband has one — a 10-year-old son who is living with his mother in another state.
Abby, I am tired of being asked, "When are you two going to have a family?"
I honestly do not want children and my husband doesn't want children — in fact he had a vasectomy shortly after his son was born.
What do you tell people who keep asking, "When are you two going to have a family?" — SICK OF IT
DEAR SICK OF IT: Use the "Dear Abby" response when you are asked a question you don't want to answer:
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DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is basically a nice person, but after 20 years, he has yet to recognize me as a person. I am simply "Ken's wife."
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EMPHASIZE HAPPINESS, EXCITEMENT AND GREATER WELL-BEING. A friendship plays a big role in the changes that are coming your way. Extremes and excess could make this a wild day. Keep priorities in order so you can get things done. Tonight: Aim high. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stay focused on what you need. You are in the limelight, and others come to you for direction. Imagination runs riot with an associate. Pressure increases, and you feel as if you must get matters under control. Lightness works better. Tonight: Nerves are tight. ****
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Juggle time and choices. Partners are full of excitement that may be impossible to resist. Keep your eye on the target. Follow through on what you must. If you can swing it, opt for more social work. You are an ace in this area. Tonight: Laugh at a mix-up. ****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What is relevant to you might not be to another. You have plenty to chuckle about with a co-worker. Everyone looks at life differently. Understand what it is important to a partner. Empathy and understanding mix. Others seek you out. Tonight: Make a snuggle date. *****

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to others, and get past a limitation. You might feel slightly offbeat. Use this energy to brainstorm. Humor goes a long way in making a decision. Follow-through counts with partners. Let another in on what is ailing you. Tonight: Goodwill surrounds you. ****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Mellow out before tackling a major project. Your fun-loving side emerges with a family member. You come from a secure place when dealing with others. Don't let news make you nervous. Stay focused on your tasks. Tonight: Work late. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Creativity and fun mix in a powerful way. Use your imagination and communication skills, personally and professionally. Sort through all calls, messages and requests. You will get it all done. A friend adds confusion. Just smile. Tonight: Get frisky. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Finances and security complement one another. You are pleased about potential offers. Recognize your liabilities with an associate. Don't take another's confusion personally. Give others the space to work through what they need. Tonight: Head home. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your upbeat attitude opens

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your inner sense pays off, literally, with a money matter. You know exactly what is appropriate in a decision. Listen to a loved one with new ears. You hear the message behind the words. Fill discussions with sensitivity. Tonight: Do some fall shopping. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You feel as if nothing can stop you. Stay focused on what you want. Friendship means a lot to you. Question alternatives with care. An associate may be tough on you because he is confused. Be compassionate but detached. Tonight: You call the shots. *****
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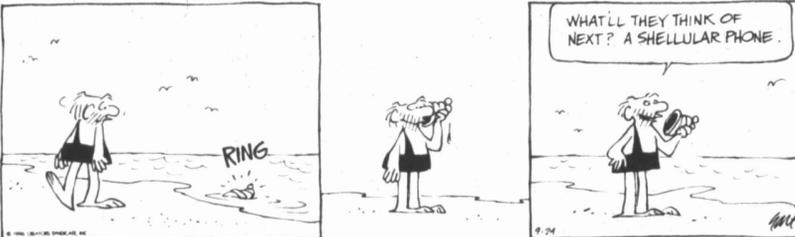
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Little Billy's account of Bill Keane's trip out of town.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 24, the 268th day of 1996. There are 98 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Jurgovan

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

HI AND LOIS



Today's Highlight in History: One-hundred years ago, on Sept. 24, 1896, author F. Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY2 Biplane over Mitchell Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.

In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio propagandist "Axis Sally," pleaded innocent in Washington, D.C., to charges of treason.

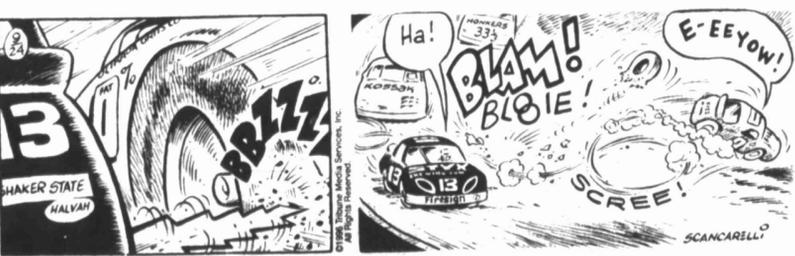
In 1965, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va.

In 1969, the trial of the Chicago Eight (later seven) began. (Five of the defendants were convicted of crossing state lines to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, but the convictions were ultimately overturned.)

In 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery. (She was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Carter.)

GASOLINE ALLEY



Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words like RULE, SLAM, SHOT, OPEN, WILE, TOILE, SOFT, PEDAL, OFFER, ENTIRE, SOLUTION, CAP, NETS, ASCETICS, DEPEND, NTR, ENOLA, DOLOR, TEAS, GREGS, TIRE, TION, EERIE, DIG, CONFER, PANACEAS, TUBA, TIRE, SHEETING, STRIPS, CARNE, SOFHEART, ALGER, OGRE, AGEES, ROOD, NOIR, LOST.

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